

**Zoning Code Figure K –
Letters Regarding RV Parking Standards**

FEB 13 2005

February 21, 2005

ATT: Diane or Barbara
City of Riverside Planning Commission

FROM: Judy Bryant
4607 Edgewood Place
Riverside, CA 92506
951-683-2024



RE: Proposed General Plan's
Restrictions on RV storage on private property and
Limitations on ownership of domestic animals

I feel the proposed restrictions on RV parking and the limits on the numbers of household pets would be good things for Riverside. These new measures are desperately needed, and so is better enforcement. Based on the experience at my household, it does not seem that Riverside County Animal Control is ready to enforce the City's present codes regarding animals. In addition, the Riverside Police Department's Traffic Unit does not seem to be willing or able to enforce the RV parking rules that are already in effect. However, I do not think that these difficulties with enforcement should put off the adoption of new regulations. I think enforcement issues should be a consideration of the City Council's when approving such regulations. (Maybe the enforcement measures could be spelled out in the ordinances when they are approved by the City Council.)

Further, better training of City and County enforcement officials with regard to new ordinances would be a good idea. Regarding incidents in our neighborhood, we had reference copies of the ordinances at times when the Police or Animal Control officers seemed unaware of what these ordinances actually said. (For example, we had a problem with out of state RV owners cutting the street trees in order to park an overly large vehicle on our street. The police seemed unaware of the City's ownership of the street trees, and what role they might have in protecting them. In incidents at our home, Animal Control officials seemed to be unaware of the City's ordinances regarding animals and were more interested in lecturing us on their preferred practices, apparently so we would not file further complaints.) Indeed, the City would probably be better off with it's own Animal Control department. The County seems to want to promote pet freedom and ownership with very little restriction.

As President Madison once said "If men were angels there would be no need of governments". The reality is that Riverside has some very hostile and unreasonable people that display strong interest in these issues. They simply do not believe that others have rights, or are even entitled to opposing opinions.

While I wish to express my views on planning issues, I feel I could never attend a public meeting regarding these issues. The hostility that I have heard – and experienced on my own street - regarding violations of RV parking and animal restrictions would have me in fear of my life and limb. Therefore, I feel that a write-in citizen response program, inclusion on a City election ballot, or some other type of public opinion process, would be a better choice than public meetings. The Planning Commission, in my opinion, would not and does not receive an accurate view of the public's wishes solely through meetings attended primarily by this aggressive element.

cc: Mr. Dom Betro
City Councilman , Ward 1

Diane Jenkins - Proposed updates of zoning codes for RVs

From: "kaye collopy" <kcollopy@charter.net>
To: <eadkison@riversideca.gov>
Date: 02/17/2005 3:33:48 PM
Subject: Proposed updates of zoning codes for RVs

Riverside Planning Commission
Riverside City Council

Attn: Ed Adkison, Ward 5

Based on what I read in the Press Enterprise, February 17, 2005, I think the current recommendations for the zoning code on RVs are too restrictive and not definitive enough to recognize possible exceptions. For instance: we have a 19 ft. trailer, weight 3600 lbs., and we have an extra wide driveway. Our driveway is 60 ft. long from the sidewalk. Our trailer sits 28 ft. from the sidewalk and is 3 ft. from the tongue of trailer to the front of house. Driving down our street, from either direction, you do not see the trailer until you're in front of our house. (Our address is: 8349 Basswood Ave., 92504 and is the 5th house on the right side of street coming from Adams.) For this reason I feel that this type of situation should be exempt.

It would be a hardship for us to have to pay a fee or to put it in storage. It would be a real disappointment if we would have to sell it at this point in our life. Please think the zoning restrictions through as to who it will help and who it will hurt and what you would gain.

Thank you for your consideration of this suggestion.

Kaye Collopy
8349 Basswood Ave.
Riverside, CA 92504

(951) 689-2322

Diane Jenkins - RV PARKING

From: WALTER CORNELL <walt37@sbcglobal.net>
To: Diane Jenkins <dijenkins@riversideca.gov>
Date: 02/18/2005 10:15:21 AM
Subject: RV PARKING
CC: Ed Adkinson <eadkison@riversideca.gov>

Thank you both very much for the courtesy of your reply. As I anticipated the overflow crowd at the Planning meeting showed the overwhelming opposition to this proposal. I don't know why any more taxpayer time and money should be spent on further hearings on this matter. We as tax payers have demonstrated our opposition to this proposal! The person or persons on the Planning Dept. should head the RV owner and home taxpayer and withdraw this subject matter from the General Plan inclusion unless a purely Health and Safety issue is involved. Code Enforcement time and money could be better spent in other areas needed. Respectfully, Walter Cornell

Diane Jenkins - General Plan comment

From: Corinne Parker
To: Ramos, Andrea
Date: 02/17/2005 1:28:32 PM
Subject: General Plan comment
CC: Gutierrez, Ken; Jenkins, Diane

The Call Center received a call from:

Christine Fisher
1940 Weatherly Way
Riverside, CA 92506
(951) 369-8302

Ms. Fisher would like to have her comment filed with the Planning Department regarding the General Plan 2025 proposal. She is in support of the ordinance that limits the parking of Recreational Vehicles and Motor Homes in residential neighborhoods.

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February 22, 2005

TO: Honorable Members of the Riverside City Council
and the Planning Commission

FEB 24 2005

ATT: Diane Jenkins

FROM: Martha L. Gavitt

You recently have made a proposal to make a change in the zoning code to forbid RV parking in the driveways of private property. This means that the many hundreds of RV owners will be forced to find spaces in storage yards. It will cost at least \$100/month if we're so lucky as to find a space. I, for one, cannot afford \$100 per month to store my little trailer.

I do not understand your reasoning for this proposal. Who initiated it? Is it someone who lives in an upscale neighborhood who decided they thought RVs would detract from the value of their property? If so, they obviously have no concept of the pleasure that RVers derive from traveling to far-away places in the comfort of their own little home.

So many of us RVers are senior citizens. We worked hard all our lives to be able to enjoy our retirement. Are you going to deprive us of this right? If this code change should pass, I would be forced to sell my RV and you'll be depriving me of my right to a pleasureable form of recreation. Is this what you want for me?

My trailer is parked in front of my house, up and away from the street and sidewalk. It interferes with no one. It does not create a health or safety hazard to anyone. In fact, it might just be a valuable asset to have in case of a severe earthquake and my house should be damaged. I would have water, refrigeration (if medications should need it), food, clothing, and a place to sleep. Good insurance in an emergency, I would say.

If this code change is adopted, how do you plan to enforce it? Our Code Enforcement has been notified on more than one occasion of violations on either side of me. One neighbor has three pick-up trucks, at least two and sometimes more cars, a pop-up tent trailer, plus an embarrassing junk pile right in the front of their house. The other neighbor has various and sundry pieces of junk along with his trash barrels in his front yard. Neighbors on the block have called Code Enforcement more than once to complain, but with no results. My concern is the possibility of a breeding ground for rats or other rodents.

If there are violators who are parking in the street, or blocking sidewalks, why not do something to stop them instead of punishing those of us who are staying within the parameters of good neighbor policies.

I do hope you will reconsider this proposal and will realize what kind of a hardship it will make for so many of Riverside's good citizens.

Thank you.

Martha L. Gavitt
8682 Garfield St.
Riverside, CA 92504
(951) 688-5682

Barbara Milosevic - Section 19.74.065

From: <AMGamo@aol.com>
To: <planinfo@riversideca.gov>
Date: 02/17/2005 2:52 PM
Subject: Section 19.74.065

Dear Planning and Building Department,

This letter is concerning the proposed residential parking restrictions for recreational vehicles. I strongly believe that every homeowner has the right to store any vehicles onto his/her property regardless of type, weight, or size.

I understand your concerns to maintain safety and property values as I to live in an upscale neighborhood in Mission Grove. My driveway has properly accommodated my 30-foot RV without creating an eyesore to my property as well as my neighbor's property.

I plea that you remove this municipal code, instead assess each accused infringement, as it seems fit.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to present my opinion.

Regards,
Arnell Gamo
7091 Westport Street
Riverside, Ca. 92506

Diane Jenkins - "No RV Parking" Supporter

From: Barbara Milosevic
To: Cooke, Elizabeth
Date: 05/05/2005 11:21:32 AM
Subject: "No RV Parking" Supporter
CC: Brenes, Patricia; Jenkins, Diane

Deirdre Goeman would like to volunteer for any committee about RVs (if there ever is one), and supports not having RVs parked in the neighborhoods (even on the streets--there is one parked nearby in the street that she fought and gave up). She and her husband would like to be notified of future hearings about RVs. Could you please add them to the mailing list?

Richard and Deirdre Goeman
2271 Century Avenue
Riverside, CA 92506
951-787-7102

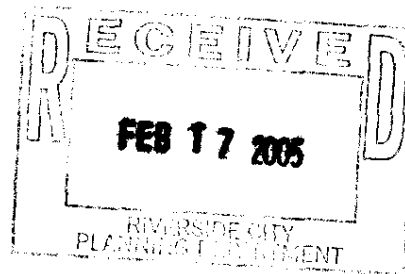
Thank you,

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Barbara Milosevic
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City of Riverside Planning and Building Department
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bmilo@riversideca.gov

February 17, 2005

Riverside City Council
3900 Main Street
Riverside, Ca 92501



Re: Recreational Vehicles

Dear Council Members,

My home is located at 2863 Cimarron Road; and I have written previous letters to the city council regarding this issue. It looks like a trailer park on my street. I have visited mobile home parks, which look more attractive than my street because of fifth-wheelers parked in driveways. Owners of these recreational vehicles are essentially affecting all property owners by changing the appearance, the aesthetic and emotional effect of the neighborhood.

Considerations are:

- 1) Appearance – sometimes RVs are kept clean, more often are not kept clean
- 2) Safety – creates an easy hiding place for intruders in the neighborhood
- 3) Obstruction for those backing out of their driveway
- 4) Obstruction and a nuisance for others driving down the street, and having to wait while the owner parks their RV
- 5) Some RV owners have to stand in their neighbors yard to guide the driver while RV is being parked
- 6) Some people look out the window to their front yard and see an ugly, dirty recreational vehicle across the street, over which they have no control

Possible Solutions are:

- 1) Park behind a fence or find another space to store RV when not being used
- 2) If neighbors are to sign a waiver:
 - A) This should be neighbors beside, directly across the street and people on either side of them as the RV is seen from their home. If waivers are going to be used, all neighbors who are directly impacted should have their voices heard before the variance is granted to the owner
 - B) One neighbor may get people to sign waivers while another doesn't. This would create an inequity and a hindrance to a cohesiveness within the neighborhood
 - C) Puts undue pressure on people who might feel under duress and sign because they fear retaliation or being ostracized if they do not sign. Animosity may create further problems for those who do sign

I strongly recommend we follow the trend that has been established across the nation to preserve neighborhoods. RVs should be parked behind a fence or in another space where they do not infringe in any way on rights of other property owners.

Respectfully,


Galo Kostka

Copy: Zoning Department ✓

Barbara Milosevic - planned changes for RV storage

From: "Jeff Leaverton" <jleaverton@charter.net>
To: <planinfo@riversideca.gov>
Date: 02/17/2005 5:34 PM
Subject: planned changes for RV storage

I have searched the General Plan 2025 and cannot find the purposed change (as reported in the Press-Enterprise) to prohibit the parking of RVs in driveways. If such plan has been proposed than we are against it.

One of the reasons my husband and I chose a home in Orangecrest was that it didn't have and CCR's against RVs in the driveway. We have a 17 foot trailer. It does not block the view of our neighbors when they back out of their driveway. In fact, it hides a car that hasn't been moved in months.

All the RVs that are in driveways in this area are well kept up. If people have to store their RVs somewhere else it will create even more of a problem when they have to pack it to leave on a trip. They will be parking them in the street both before and after trips.

In addition, RVs in the neighborhood are a good safety feature if we ever have that big earthquake that we are all told to plan for. RVs can provide shelter and cooking facilities. Some people even keep their RVs loaded with water so that they will have that resource available as well.

Please reconsider banning all recreational vehicles from being parked in driveways.

Sincerely, Deanna Zimmerly-Leaverton

02-18-05

The Riverside Planning Commission

Re: Zoning change; RV's & # of pets (dogs & cats) in a home, etc

Thank you so much for ^{considering} this new zoning law! RV's parked in front & sides of housing properties are an eye sore. The first thing one sees is this lg vehicle. Many times there is no paved or cemented area & these RV's are parked on the side lawn which very soon become unsightly.

I'm with you on all 3 zoning changes. I'm sure many more are too but couldn't make it to your 2/17 meeting. Please make these changes effective immediately. ^{make this a law}

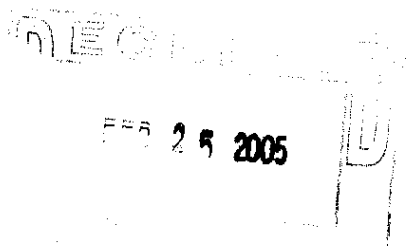
Celia Marti
La Sierra Area

From: Constance Scott <cjscott@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Mon Feb 21, 2005 08:00:48 PM US/Pacific
To: www.riversideca.gov
Subject: changes to general plan and zoning code

*I tried
(unsuccessfully?)
to send this
earlier in the
week.*

To The Riverside Planning Commission and Elected City Officials: Thank you! I sincerely hope that you will stick to your guns and do what is necessary to protect the health and safety of all Riverside citizens and preserve the beauty of our residential neighborhoods. I have lived in Riverside for over twenty years now and have observed many changes in behaviors and attitudes that are disturbing, and I'm not the only one. Many people I talk to say that they can't wait to get out of here. Just what kind of city do we want to live in? One where everyone does what they darn well please, regardless of the impact on their neighbors or the larger community? With regard to the issues: 1) A limit of 4 domestic pets is more than reasonable. Some people have no concept of the torture that they put their pets (and their neighbors) through. One woman registers her cats under friends' names and lets them out at night to defecate in the yards nearby. She professes to be an animal lover, but her neighbors' rights and feelings don't seem to matter. Some confine their dogs all day long and let them run loose at night, or worse, they keep them chained up and barking all night long. Numerous public health and safety issues are related to this proposed change which I support. 2) A prohibition on parking RV'S in front driveways is long overdue. Besides being unsightly, the RV'S block the view of other people backing out of driveways or driving along the street, not to mention endangering children playing or on bicycles. More and more people are parking RV'S, trucks, SUV'S, and cars in their driveways. My entire fence gave way a few years back when one neighbor tried to squeeze his truck and camper into a driveway never designed for such enormous vehicles. Some are parking their RV'S (as big as a city bus) on the street! Some are parking across sidewalks and in yards. Some are paving their yards to make more room for parking their "toys." And the same people who can afford all of these expensive recreational vehicles (and the license, fees, and insurance) are the same ones who are complaining about paying a fee to park them in an appropriate location. They are ruining our neighborhoods. As an aside, I have also noticed that people have begun to leave mattresses, beds, couches, and other discarded household items in front of their houses or on the curbs - some remaining there for several days or indefinitely. Ray said it best, "Tell your mama, tell your pa, I'm gonna send you back to Arkansas!" Please, do what is best for all citizens of Riverside. Thank you for your consideration. C.J. Scott

*C. J. Scott
2-24-05*



Dear Councilman Dom,

I read in todays paper of the rv.....delemma....

Personally I see it as a hidden tax I don't like it I have had a rv for many years here in my driveway and its nobodies business as to what is parked there. For this new proposal I want to know what your position is on the matter as I am a voter and want to make that clear. Also as my council man I want to make very clear as my position and many others as well.....for those who don't have one is it envy or jealousy? or is it a way that the city can hide there luxury tax upon the consumer who can afford an rv. There must be limits as to local govt. control I have rights I am not putting my rv in storage for nobody as for the city there is lawyers who might agree with the public.

Derek w. Thesier 951 781-7886

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riverside 92506**

Barbara Milosevic - Zoning Changes

From: <Ruthsnews@aol.com>
To: <planinfo@riversideca.gov>
Date: 03/01/2005 1:15 PM
Subject: Zoning Changes

We would like to express our support for the new zoning changes as we have read in the Press Enterprise. Riverside is no longer the small city that we moved to in 1963. It is extremely important that now and in the future, we progress with order and a vision of the problems more growth presents. We would especially appreciate living in peace with our neighbors and have a city of which we can be proud.

Among a myriad of items that would most likely be important, we are very interested in the upkeep of the neighborhoods. The lots are becoming smaller and our lives are becoming more complicated. **We support the proposed prohibition of recreational vehicles parking in front driveways.** Our neighbor's driveway is almost next to our front door...not a great problem unless large vehicles are parked in it. Recreational vehicles are becoming very popular...more so than when we bought the house in 1973. We live in a nice area of Canyon Crest and are not out in the country. In my estimation the value of the property is lessened when codes are not put in place or adhered to. When a "blind eye" is turned to problems, those problems tend to grow and not go away....soon to become major problems.

We also would hope that codes are or will be in place for the placement of garbage cans. It is extremely offensive and degrading to the neighborhood to have the garbage cans sitting in the front yard where the neighbors must view them. This also goes for old non-running cars, junk, etc. that can help to make Riverside, as a whole, a city with little class. It can be so much more! Complacency and giving in to those who do not have high expectations will keep us in the "also ran" class.

After saying all of the above, we must compliment your efforts. Things are looking up and we hope they will continue to do so. We want to be proud of our city. Riverside has so much to offer Southern California. It is a hidden jewel. Let's make it a polished gem.....

Ken and Ruth Unrath



Diane Jenkins - Numerous

From: Katherine Hunt
To: 1COUNCIL, 1COUNCIL; Adams, Steve; Adkison, Ed; Betro, Dom; Brenes, Patricia; Elliot, Darlene; Gage, Art; Guerrero, Lorena; Hart, Nancy; Jenkins, Diane; Moore, Ameal; Nicol, Colleen; Schiavone, Frank
Date: 02/17/2005 1:01:51 PM
Caller: Numerous

Re: RV Parking

The following persons have called to voice their opinions on the Planning meeting this evening.

Deborah Primmer - Ward 3

5632 Carson Road

(951) 321-2690

Strongly opposes any change in zoning relating to RV parking. Would like Art Gage (or any other council members) to return call.

John Christianson - Ward 4

20770 Stonybrook

(951) 955-3895 (Daytime)

(951) 653-5315 (Home)

Strongly opposes any change in zoning relating to RV Parking. Would like Frank Schiavone to call him back. He suggests that if people don't want to live where RV's can be parked in the streets, they should move. He also suggested that if you must limit the RV street parking, a limit of 24' should be imposed; small RV's should be allowed on the street, and boats too.

Ben Savage - Ward 7

5680 Peggy Lane

(951) 359-6541 (After 3 p.m.)

Strongly opposes any change in zoning relating to RV Parking. Mr. Savage also called to complain about two RV's that are parking in his neighbor's back yard. He believes someone might be living in it (Note: I have forwarded his complaint to the Call Center)

Sam Cloader - Ward 4

231 E. Alessandro Boulevard

(951) 653-3500

Will be at hearing tonight, but would appreciate a call back from Frank regarding RV parking. Feels that if Riverside wants to be like OC, we should just let them annex us. Concerns are RV parking and limit on number of dogs in household.

Henry Leveck - Ward 6

11211 Wayfield

(951) 351-0283

Unable to attend meeting tonight. Strongly opposes any change in zoning relating to RVs. But, if it must be so, please also limit number of big rig trucks. What's good for one surely must also be good for the other.

Dick Ardrey - Ward 5

8610 Dufferin

(951) 689-5767

Opposes change in zoning relating to duplexes located on Everest. Also opposes "modernized" architecture of library. Architectural design should fit in with the rest of Riverside's heritage

Robert Burkett - Ward 3

6767 La Jolla
(951) 689-0781

Favors change in zoning regarding RV parking. *It's about time someone got those off the streets.*